GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount to be incurred on the development of telecommunication in the country particularly in Manipur during the Ninth Five Year Plan, Statewise;

(b) whether private sector and multinational telecommunication companies have shown interest to make investment for development of telecommunication facilities in North Eastern Region under the new policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The department has not yet allocated statewise expenditure for 9th Five Year Plan in full. However, statewise expenditure & expenditure for Manipur in particular for the year 1997-98,1998-99, 1999-2000 & provision for expenditure during 2000-2001 is enclosed in the annexure.

(b) &(c): At present there is one licensee for the operation of radio paging service in Assam Circle under the North-Eastern Region.

As per NTP-99, entry of more operators is to be based on the recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). Accordingly, TRAI has since been requested to give their recommendations for the entry of more operators in the country including North Eastern Region. The TRAI recommendations are expected by 30.9.2000. On receipt of the TRAI recommendations, furthe action will be taken for the entry of more operators in the North-Eastern Region.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FROM 1997-99 TO 1999-2000 AND PROVISION FOR EXPENDITURE FOR 2000-2001

(Rs in Crores)

S.No	Name of the Circle	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01(Prov.)
1.	AN	9.95	16.47	27.26	16.48
2.	AP	550.54	696.94	1122.64	1420.60
3.	ASSAM	122.45	112.86	166.45	164.65
4.	BIHAR	269.08	325.45	390.12	715.45
5.	GUJRAT	565.95	552.24	819.92	935.46
6.	HARYANA	181.21	207.17	301.03	349.75
7	HIMACHAL	121.59	119.87	170.96	202.10
8.	J & K	52.51	51.04	87.08	129.74

9. KTK	654.33	714.02	962.52	1107.97
10. KERALA	631.11	731.50	923.31	1046.44
11. M.P.	329.84	390.54	481.84	579.45
12. MAHARASHTRA	846.63	865.52	1230.62	1570.83
13. N. E.	104.72	182.03	201.14	179.30
14. ORISSA	167.28	174.44	224.44	312.60
15. PUNJAB	463.32	525.99	584.27	689.26
16. RAJASTHAN	386.01	374.81	557.29	687.01
17. T.N.	652.38	756.35	979.69	1659.48
18. U.P.(EAST)	583.94	679.70	676.00	890.20
19. U.P (WEST)	424.15	334.50	491.41	506.77
20. WEST BENGAL	227.54	1306.58	477.64	1044.22
21. OTHER UNITS	1291.57	1332.32	1635.1	868.80
TOTAL	8646.10	9450.34	12510.77	15076.56
FOR MANIPUR IN PARTICULAR	11.73	16.09	21.64	167.90

(For N.E. Circle
Including Manipur)